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RAILWAY PASSENGERS TO PAY 10 CRORES MORE

25 Per Cent. Increase In Fares From April 1

Opposition Parties Mobilise To Throw Out Benthall's Proposal

NEW DELHI, February 16.

"Government have decided from April 1, 1944 to increase rail fares, including fares for military passengers travelling at their own expense, by 25 per cent, so long as present conditions exist, an increase of precisely the same dimensions as was imposed in the last war. Suburban season tickets will be exempted on the ground that they represent obligatory travel", announced Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member introducing the Railway Budget in the Assembly to-day.

Lobby talks show that Opposition parties in the Assembly will unite to vote against and throw out the proposal for a 25 per cent increase in the Railway Fares.

The railway estimates presented by Sir Edward Benthall in the Legislative Assembly to-day forecast for 1943-44 a surplus of 43.77 crores (1.30 crores less than last year but 7.73 crores more than the original estimate) and for 1944-45 a surplus of 52.21 crores.

In 1943-44 total traffic receipts are expected to be 178 1/2 crores, 23 crores more than last year and 28 1/2 crores more than the original estimate. Total working expenses, including 16.88 crores for depreciation and 1.71 for payment to worked lines, are 108.58 crores and exceed last year's expenses by 24.32 crores. Of the expected surplus of 43.77, general revenues will receive 32.27 crores which is 12.14 crores more than last year and 5.17 crores more than the original budget, the balance of 11.50 crores going to railway reserve.

After considering the recommendation of the Railway Convention Committee, Government have decided to make an additional appropriation of 4 crores to the depreciation fund as an emergency provision to cover excessive wear and tear of assets during the war. The next accretion to the Fund will be 5.86 crores, raising the balance to 87.93 crores. The balance in the railway reserve will rise from 9.35 crores to 20.85 crores.

INCREASE OF PASSENGER FARES

Passenger fares, except for suburban season tickets, will be raised by 25 per cent. from April 1, 1944. The additional earnings are estimated at 10 crores. They will not be shared between general revenues and railways but will be placed in the Railway Reserve specifically earmarked for expenditure on lower class travel amenities.

Since there is now no slack season, the surcharge on coal will be continued at 20 per cent. throughout the year instead of being reduced to 15 per cent. for seven months of the year as hitherto. Railways' capacity to move traffic will also be greater next year due to receipt of additional locomotives. For these reasons the budget estimate assumes traffic receipts of 192 crores, 13 1/2 cores more than the current year.

Total working expenses including depreciation and payment to worked lines, are estimated at 114.28 crores, 5.70 crores more than the current year. The surplus for commercial lines is anticipated to be 53.36 crores and the loss on strategic lines 1.15 crores, giving a net surplus of 52.21 crores. After earmarking 10 crores for amenities for lower class travel (the earnings from increase in passenger fares), the surplus for commercial lines will be divided between general revenues and railways in the proportion of 3:1, the same as in 1943-44.

The general revenues will get 31.37 crores and 10.84 crores will be transferred to Railway Reserve, which will, at the end of the year stand at 21.69 crores or including the amount earmarked for amenities at 41.69 crores. In the depreciation fund there will be a balance of 82.05 crores.

Against a works programme of 58.17 crores, which includes 8 crores for the purchase of Madras and Southern Mahratta and South Indian Railways, 52 lakhs for the balance of the purchase price of Bengal and North Western and Rohilkund and Kumaon Railways and 67 lakhs for the purchase of Guzerat and Dhond Baramati Railways, there is a provision of 51.7 crores. (28.7 crores from capital and 23 crores from depreciation fund) out of which no less than 34.24 crores is for rolling stock.

RISING RECEIPTS AND GROWING EXPENDITURE

Sir Edward Benthall disclosed a picture of rising receipts and growing expenditure combined with an ever increasing strain on railways.

Steps are being taken to increase bus service in areas where the war effort is likely to suffer from the existing congestion of passenger traffic. Publicity campaign against unnecessary travel will also be intensified.

Coal stocks have during the year 1943 fallen to the lowest figures on record and drastic steps have been taken to render the position more secure, which include more raisings from Railway Collieries

AMELIORATIVE MEASURES FOR WORKERS

While paying a tribute to the great loyalty of railway workers who have stuck to their work in difficult circumstances, Sir Edward Benthall described the ameliorative measures taken by Government who, claimed Sir Edward, had endeavoured to carry out their undertakings to the letter and in a spirit of appreciation of the services of the staff.

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION

Planning of post-war reconstruction has been taken vigorously in hand and the principal subjects on which the Railway Board are concentrating, in addition to the problem of rehabilitation, are (i) the implementing of the decision to construct locomotives in India, (ii) the improvement of the amenities of travel particularly for lower class passengers, (iii) development of staff welfare work, (iv) the improved handling of post-war traffic, (v) the participation of railways in road services and (vi) the development of railways in accordance with the general policy of road and rail transport.

Sir Edward Benthall discussed at length the ways and means for financing the post-war measures, many of which would be unremunerative. He stated that it was clearly financially unsound that non-paying expenditure should be financed by loan and he gave reasons why the railways would not be able to meet such post-war schemes out of future surpluses. The question, therefore, arose whether it was reasonable to increase rates and fares.

Rail transport was among the cheapest things in India to-day; there had been only a 4 1/2 per cent overall increase over pre-war fares and the ability of passengers of all classes to pay for travel is greater than railways can cater for. It was not a mere coincidence that the increase in travel took place in the period in which the inflationary tendencies became more prominent.

Sir Edward Benthall continued that there were three good reasons for increasing the fares, namely the effect that such increase might have on reducing or at any rate preventing further increase of passenger travel, the deflationary effect owing to the immobilisation of substantial volume of currency and the opportunity of taking the first step towards building up a fund for post-war reconstruction purposes.

As regards the latter, he stated—"The argument in favour of building up a fund for post-war purposes is to my mind paramount and irrefutable and the Governments of the future would rightly blame our shortsightedness and lack of courage if we failed to put them in a position to carry through the post-war plan which we are preparing for their fulfilment". For these reasons, Government have decided from 1st April 1944 to increase rail fares (including fares for military passengers travelling at their own cost) by 25 per cent so long as present conditions exist.

RAILWAY BUDGET AT A GLANCE

1943-44.		1944-45.	
Total Receipts	178.5 crores.	Budget Estimate	192 crores.
Total Working Expenses	108.58 crores.	Total Working Expenses	114.28 crores.
Expected Surplus	43.77 crores.	Expected Net Surplus	52.21 crores.
Contribution to General Revenues	32.27 crores.	Earmarked for Lower Class Amenities	10 crores.
To Railway Reserve	11.50 crores.	Contribution to General Revenues	31.37 crores.
		To Railway Reserve	10.84 crores.

DON'T IMPOSE MORE BURDEN ON TAX PAYER

Indian Merchants' Chamber Chief On Railway Budget

Interviewed on the Railway Budget, Seth Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, said:

Rumours were long since afloat that the Government of India would increase the railway fares. I was not inclined much to believe that Government would take such a step, looking to the hardships of different sorts the people of the country are passing through and the high cost of living which has wrought such a havoc upon the country. Unfortunately, the rumours have come to be true and the proposal is made in the Railway Budget presented yesterday to both the Houses of the Central Legislature for an increase in passenger fares by 25 per cent. This abnormal increase, which will yield to Government Rs. 10 crores is, deprived of all orientation, really speaking an indirect taxation, which will press heavily upon the people. Specially is the tax unwelcome when the train services are services only in name and the travelling public has to undergo all sorts of inconvenience and harassment. It is an under-estimate to say that it will be Rs. 10 crores which Government will get from this increase as Government got Rs. 58 crores as passenger earnings in 1943-44 according to the revised estimate.

I hope that the Government of India will still reconsider the question and not impose this additional burden on the already heavily burdened Indian taxpayer.

SURAT, Feb. 16: A Bardoli message says that Dayabhai Babubhai Mehta, a Congress worker, has been released.—A. P.

ROYIST INDULGES IN VENDETTA

Anti-Congress Propagandist Who Masquerades As India's Spokesman

(From A Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 16.

The latest anti-Congress propagandist in this country is one Mr. A. K. Pillai who arrived here some weeks ago and masquerades as an authoritative representative of Indian labour interests.

Mr. Pillai is planning a press and platform propaganda drive throughout the country against Mahatma Gandhi and the Congress on a three point plank.

One is that Mahatma Gandhi is pro-Japanese. Another is that the Congress is merely a party of representatives of Fascist Forces. And the third is the fifteen-year reconstruction plan sponsored by Indian industrialists is aimed at the exploitation of the masses.

INTERRUPTIONS GREET BENTHALL

How Assembly Received Railway Budget

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

The Transport Member's proposal to increase railway fares was greeted with unmistakable evidences of opposition from different parts of the Central Assembly to-day.

Opposition was discernible as Sir Edward Benthall was on his preliminary observations. When he said there were "three good reasons" for an increase in fares to-day, hostile interruptions started and became more pronounced as he declared that the argument in favour of building up a fund for post-war purposes was to his mind paramount and irrefutable, cries of "Oh, oh" and "Hear, hear" broke out.

Sir Edward said: "Money would be taken from the railway user now and expended for his benefit later when times are less good."

(Pt. Maitra: After he is dead).

When the actual percentage of increase was announced there were more interruptions and cries of "Shame, shame."

As the Transport Member came to the passage urging members to support Government in this progressive policy and to step forward into the future with courage and vision, the interruptions rose to their height interspersed with cries of "No, no; never, never."

GANDHI-IRWIN PACT LEFT OUT OF BILL

Central Assembly Passes Excise Bill

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16

The Central Assembly passed the Central Excise Bill with the amendments already accepted on Monday, but without the expected provision embodying the Gandhi-Irwin Pact relating to salt.

Members of the Nationalist Party made an effort to add a separate clause giving statutory form to the provisions of the pact but after a lengthy debate, they decided not to press their demand, following a speech by the Finance Member in which he reaffirmed Government's intention to abide by the letter and the spirit of the agreement and suggested that nothing would be gained by attempting to give statutory form to an agreement which during the 13 years since it was entered into, both the Government and the beneficiaries of the agreement had worked without serious friction.

In the course of the debate, the Finance Member explained that he had endeavoured to see in what form it could be incorporated in this measure and he read out a draft amendment which while exempting from the purview of the Act salt collected for domestic consumption, laid down provisos against abuse of the provisions.

QUESTION OF SALE OMITTED

Pandit Maitra and other members complained that the permission given in the Agreement to sell such salt within the village was not included in the amendment read out by the Finance Member.

The Finance Member pointed out that it had been agreed on Monday that this part of the Agreement be kept out of the amendment. In any case, if that also was sought to be included at this stage, there were various other factors and safeguards which would have to come in and the whole thing would be greatly complicated.

In reply to a question put by Mr. Krishnamachari, the Finance Member said that the position regarding the sale of salt was that it would continue to be regulated by the agreement. As a matter of fact, the Finance Member added, if no amendments were made there would not be the slight difference in the position which had obtained. Government regarded itself honourably bound by this agreement and there was no practical advantage in moving the amendment.

Mr. Krishnamachari withdrew his amendment moved on Monday.

Earlier an amendment seeking to vest Indian High Courts instead of the Central Government with the power of revision in cases arising from the provisions of the Bill was negatived by 41 votes to 37.

The Bill was passed.

After a brief debate on the report of the public accounts committee the House agreed to the Finance Member's demand for excess grants.

The House adjourned till Monday. To-morrow, the Assembly and the Council of State will sit in joint session to hear the Viceroy's Address.—A. P.

SOVIET DRIVE TO LATVIA

Red Army Penetrates Far Into German Rear On Pskov Front

MOSCOW, Feb. 16.

Reuter's staff correspondent cables: Swarms of Soviet aircraft are today being massed ready to take the air for the final rain of death on the remnants of the ten German divisions in the Kanyev trap.

Indications are that Field Marshal Fritz von Manstein may soon find that in his drive to liberate the encircled troops, he has been sticking his head into another trap.

On the Pskov front Russian units have penetrated far into the German rear and are ambushing and attacking the Germans as they retreat into this last German stronghold before Latvia.

Although the Germans are trying to hold up the Russian advance along the main roads, they are being forced to retreat everywhere under heavy pressure, said the latest frontline dispatches to the "Red Star".

FINNISH DENIAL

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16.—It was officially denied in Helsinki today that there had been exchange of Notes between Finland and Germany. It was also denied that Juho Passikivi had left for Moscow and that Eljas Erkko, former Prime Minister, had yet left Stockholm.—Reuter.

German Building New Defence Line In Poland

MOSCOW: Germans are building a new defence line in Poland and it is on the river Vistula, says a frontline dispatch to Pravda. Thousands of workers have been mobilised for this purpose, adds the dispatch.—India Press Service.

CASSINO MONASTERY DESTROYED

Little Activity On Main Fifth Army Front And Anzio Sector

LONDON, Feb. 16.

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters state:

Today's Allied communique said that there was little activity on either the main Fifth Army front or the Anzio sector.

Heavy bombers attacked railway yards at Poggibonsi yesterday and troop concentrations at Campo-Leone. Nine German bombers were destroyed. One Allied aircraft is missing.

Campo-Leone is about 8 miles north-west of Cisterna and about 5 miles north of Carroceto. Poggibonsi is east of Leghorn and southeast of Florence. The railway yards were last attacked on January 18.

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters cables:

Cassino Monastery was completely destroyed in raids by Fortresses, Mitchells and Marauders yesterday, according to reconnaissance photographs, it was announced today.

It was officially disclosed here today that the village of Carroceto in the British sector of the Anzio beachhead front is in German hands. There is no news of the situation on Abbey Hill except that Allied artillery is still shelling the monastery. The presumption is that Allied troops are still several hundreds yards from the crest.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa announce that a strong force of R.A.F. Wellington heavy bombers went out for the fourth night in succession last night to smash at German communications and troop concentrations south of Rome for nine hours. A great weight of 4,000 pound bombs was dropped in the beachhead area.—Reuter.

BERLIN BOMBED AGAIN

LONDON, Feb. 16.

It is officially announced that the R.A.F. bombed Berlin last night.

It was the fifteenth major assault on the capital since the battle of Berlin began on November 18. Last heavy attack was on January 30, when 1,500 tons of bombs were dropped.

An Air Ministry 'communique' said: "Last night aircraft of the Bomber Command took offensive against Germany in very great strength, flying in all operations over 1,000 sorties. The main objective was Berlin where well over 2,500 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped—a heavier load than in any previous attack on any objective in air warfare. Crews of Mosquitoes over the target after the main force had left reported a very large area of fire with smoke rising to a height of 20,000 feet.

"In addition to the main attack, Lancasters made a feint attack on Frankfurt-on-Oder, 50 miles east of Berlin, while Mosquitoes bombed objectives in western Germany and Holland.

"Many mines were also laid in enemy waters. Forty-five of our aircraft are missing.

The R.A.F. lost 43 aircraft in the raids on Germany last night, and not 45 as previously announced, it is officially stated.—Reuter.

LUCKNOW: The "United Press" understands that a move is afoot to raise the status of the Oudh Chief Court to that of a High Court failing which it should be amalgamated with the Allahabad High Court.

WHY HE ORDERED DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Police Officer's Evidence In Contempt Case Against Pardivala

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, Feb. 16.

Three C.I.D. officials including the D. I. G., Superintendent and Sub-Inspector stood in the witness box before a full bench of the High Court all denying that the C.I.D. had no specific motive in arresting Mr. Pardivala in connection with Jaiprakash Narayan's 'habeas corpus' petition filed by Mrs. Purnima Bannerjee. The Superintendent admitted, when cross-examined by Mr. K. M. Munshi that the documents addressed to the court and other gentlemen were destroyed under his orders and that he did it foolishly without knowing the consequences.

Mr. Pardivala was arrested for security reasons.

After lunch Mr. Pardivala stood in the witness box and was cross-examined by C.I.D. counsel who put the following questions: Why he broke his journey in Delhi while coming to Lahore and met Pt. H. N. Kunzru and N. M. Joshi and if he was responsible for the information which formed the basis of questions in the Central Assembly and the Council of State. If he knew that Mrs. Purnima Bannerjee was a sister of Mrs. Asafali who was wanted by the police and Mrs. Asafali has been collaborating with Mr. Jaiprakash Narayan. C.I.D. Counsel further asked Mr. Pardivala if he had been seeing people through introductory letters given by Mr. K. M. Munshi in Lahore for getting wide publicity in Punjab about Jaiprakash's case. Mr. Pardivala replying said he met Pt. Kunzru and Mr. Joshi who were not responsible for information although he had long talks with them in connection with Jaiprakash.

Mr. Pardivala's cross-examination had not concluded, when the court adjourned till Thursday.

ARGENTINE CRISIS AGAIN

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 16

The Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Gilbert, President of the Board of Education, Senor Martinez Zuviriz, and the Secretary to the Presidency, Zenor Gonzalez, have resigned.—Reuter.

POSITION OF JAPAN AFTER WAR

Eden Says It Is Matter For Consultation Among Allied Govts.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 16

Mr. Eden stated in the House of Commons to-day that the question of treatment of Japan, as of other enemies after the war, was clearly a matter for consultation between the Allied Governments concerned. The British Government would not therefore, wish to make any unilateral declaration on this subject.

He was replying to a suggestion that Japan should be outlawed after the war.

Mr. Eden deprecated discussion in public of the negotiations with Japan for exchange of 1,600 civilian internees from the Far East and the British Commonwealth respectively. He said it would not be in the interest of the interned civilians or prisoners.

He had been asked in the House the reason for the holdup in this exchange.

CASUALTIES IN ITALY

British, Dominions and Indian casualties in Italy from the day on which British troops first landed on the Italian mainland, September 3, to February 12, number 36,626. Mr. Churchill gave these figures to the Commons to-day. They are made up of 7,635 killed, 23,283 wounded and 5,708 missing. Navy and R.A.F. figures are not included.—Reuter.

Imperial "Super" Cabinet For Britain?

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

A widely accepted view in influential American Congressional circles is that British Cabinet is being recast very soon to give Dominions also, possibly Belgium and Holland representation in what may become an Imperial "Super" Cabinet.

The New York journal "American" says: As soon as war in Europe ends, Mr. Anderson will become Premier of such an Imperial Cabinet with Gen. Smuts as Foreign Minister.

According to these Congressional sources, these changes will demonstrate Britain's preparedness to solve diplomatic and economic problems after war and especially deal with the possibility of any single power dominating over Europe and Asia.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

New York, Feb. 16.

Previous Closing	20.56
Today's Opening	20.57
Difference	+01
To-day's Closing	20.68
Difference	+12

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices.

General Motors dol. 54-1/4 ex Div. Anaconda copper mining dol. 25-1/8. United States steel common dol. 52-3/4.

United States steel pref unquoted. —Reuter.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16.

The market ruled weak and the volume of business was limited. Government securities were unaltered.

INDIAN TROOPS' RECORD ON ALL FRONTS

C.-In-C.'s Statement On War Situation: "Ring Drawing Tighter Round Axis"

NEW DELHI, February 16.

A statement on the war situation and the part played by Indian troops in different theatres of war was made to-day in the Council of State by the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Claude Auchinleck in answer to a question by Raja Yuvaraj Dutta Singh.

His Excellency drew attention to the fact that while in the face of ferocious fighting the ring was drawing tighter round Germany in Europe as a preliminary to even greater events, pressure by the United Nations was also being brought to bear on the Japanese both in the Pacific and in what was more or less our own theatres of war.

"The United Nations", he said, "continued to dominate the situation at sea, in the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the North Sea. The strategic air offensive in Europe against Germany's home front not only persists but continues to grow by day and night. On land Russia's remarkable offensive effort has not fagged and the Germans are steadily being evicted from Soviet soil. Meanwhile some of the fiercest fighting of the war is now proceeding as the key battle of the whole Italian campaign is joined.

EIGHTH INDIAN DIVISION'S RECORD

In that Italian campaign, he said, troops from this country had as in North Africa played a conspicuous part in the drive northwards and another Indian Division had come to the fore. Paying a tribute to the Eighth Indian Division, Sir Claude Auchinleck said that after many months of training and routine work in Iraq, Persia and the Middle East, the Eighth Indian Division came into the line towards the end of October and has been fighting almost continuously ever since.

ON JAP AND ARAKAN FRONTS

Turning to the war against Japan, the C.-in-C. said, "On our own immediate front, the Allied Air Forces of Lord Louis Mountbatten's Command have, since I last spoke to you, greatly increased their co-ordinated offensive action in depth, weight and frequency."

Coming to the position on the Arakan Front, Sir Claude revealed that it was the Seventh Indian Division commanded by Major-General Messervy which was responsible for holding the recent Japanese counter-attack in the Buthidaung area, and standing fast on the positions they had won.

The C-in-C. also referred to the part played by the Royal Indian Navy both in patrolling and convoy work and also recently off the Arakan coast.

ATLANTIC CHARTER FOR INDIA

Sir Mohammed Usman, Leader of the House, in answer to a question said "that he had seen the press report of a statement of Mr. Wickham Steed, former Editor of the "Times", London, that he had been authorised by Mr. Amery to say that the Atlantic Charter obviously applies to India." He added, "I see no reason to make a reference to the Secretary of State as I do not doubt the authenticity of the statement attributed to him."

POSTPONE INVASION OF EUROPE

Women's International League's Appeal To Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15:—The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has made an appeal to President Roosevelt to-day for a postponement of the invasion of Europe "until every possible appeal for armistice had been made to the German people over the heads of the Nazi Government".

In a letter to President Roosevelt the League has declared that the "unconditional surrender" slogan must be repudiated "since it has apparently only unified the terrified people in their determination to resist what would appear to them to be a punitive peace."—Reuter.

Plight Of Two Adjournment Motions

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16: In the Council of State, the President ruled out of order Pandit H N. Kunzru's adjournment motion to discuss the pre-censorships orders served on the "Hindustan Times" and the "National Call" and Mr. Kalikar's adjournment motion to discuss the lathi charge on the Hindu Mahasabha procession at Amritsar.

Another adjournment motion by Pt. Kunzru to discuss the "failure of the Government of India to arrange for regular dispatch of foodstuff to deficit areas", was withdrawn on the President suggesting that a day might be set apart for a debate on the food situation, to which the Leader of the House agreed.

Sir Leonard Wilson, Chief Commissioner, Railways, then presented a statement of the estimated expenditure and revenue for the year 1944-45 in respect of Railways.

The Council then adjourned till February 18.—A. P.

ON GAEKWAR'S SECOND MARRIAGE

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

I understand, the Governor-General has disallowed a non-official resolution tabled in the Council of State to discuss the second marriage of the Gaekwar.

States' Merger Bill In Lords

Chiefs' Personal Privileges Will Be Intact, Assures Munster

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 16.

Moving the Second Reading of the India (Attachment of States) Bill in the House of Lords to-day, Earl Munster, Under-Secretary for India, said the Bill was intended to place beyond all manner of doubt, the right of the Viceroy to provide for the most suitable administration of a large number of small and very small States, or really estates. Particularly was it concerned with the position of some 400 petty States in Kathiawar and Gujarat.

"I hardly think it is necessary for me to emphasise the disastrous effect produced upon the 800,000 inhabitants of these States by the present multiplicity of jurisdictions and fragmentation of their territories. That I believe is obvious to everyone", he said. The chiefs of these States have been accorded certain personal privileges and these will be maintained to them under the new arrangements."

Referring to the Crown Representative's declaration of April last year, Lord Munster said that by the arrangements then proposed, the inhabitants of these States would secure administrative benefits normal in British India and larger States and which up to now the Crown Representative had been unable to extend to petty States through lack of financial resources and personnel.

He continued, "The Bill as drafted takes nothing away from taluqdars which they have possessed in the past. I venture to think that the beneficial forms of Government in operation in such States as Nawanagar and Baroda to which the majority of these small States will be attached, are well-known."

Lord Samuel (Liberal) said probably the best solution would be to group smaller States together among themselves but very frequently there were local prejudices which had rendered that impossible. The only other course was that they be absorbed in States of which they were geographically neighbours.

After Lord Faringdon and Hailey had spoken, the Bill was given second reading.—Reuter.

People's Opposition To Merger Scheme

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT, Feb. 16.

Certain members of the Kathiawar Political Conference Working Committee are issuing a statement protesting against the inauguration of the Attachment Scheme of small taluks in Kathiawar and Gujarat. They have cabled to prominent members of Parliament informing them of popular stand and requesting them to oppose the measure or move for circulation of Bill to elicit public opinion in India.

10 DESTITUTES DIE IN HOSPITALS

Chittagong's Heavy Death-Roll Due To Epidemics

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16

Ten sick destitutes died in various hospitals in Calcutta and suburbs yesterday and there were 27 new admissions. Forty-seven destitutes were discharged from the hospitals during the day.

CHITTAGONG'S DEATH-ROLL

48,989 persons died of cholera, malaria and other diseases in the District of Chittagong during the first seven months of 1943, including 16,230 deaths in the month of July, which was the largest number recorded in one month during the past seven years, according to a statement submitted to the Bengal Legislative Council by the Minister for public health, Khan Bahadur Jalaluddin Ahmad, during question time to-day.

Of these, 4,268 died of cholera, 9,156 of malaria and 35,565 of the other diseases.—A. P.

BOSE ISSUE IN BENGAL ASSEMBLY

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16

The Government of Bengal had officially no 'locus standi' in the matter of release, or transfer to Bengal, of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, said the Chief Minister, Sir Nazimuddin replying to a question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day.

Asked if the Chief Minister was aware that the allowance given to Mr. Bose's family was inadequate and that it did not cover even his insurance premium, Sir Nazimuddin said "I have got some official knowledge on the subject. But the matter is now under correspondence with the Government of India and I am not prepared to disclose that."

Asked whether the Government of Bengal or the Ministers had approached the Government of India for Mr. Bose's release, the Chief Minister said that officially the Government of Bengal had got no 'locus standi', nor the Ministers as such. But in their individual capacity they might have taken certain steps regarding the matter. Sir Nazimuddin denied the knowledge of the materials on which the Government of India had taken action in the case of Mr. Bose.—A. P.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 16.

Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recrded to eight hours on 13.2.44 :—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Freedom is the first condition of growth. What you do not make free cannot grow...Let men have the light of liberty. That is the only condition of growth.

—Swami Vivekananda.

The Bombay Chronicle

RAILWAY BUDGET

The Railway budget for 1944-45, presented to the Central Assembly on Wednesday, like the estimates for the last several years, shows a huge surplus without any corresponding relief to those who make it possible. The surplus for the current year is Rs. 43.77 crores, which is nearly 8 crores more than the original estimate. The excess is not an accident but the result of a common policy of underestimating surpluses so as to discourage demands for relief or more amenities to railway passengers. The surplus for 1944-45 is 52.21 crores. But this, too, is an underestimation, as will be seen from the next budget. The leaping surpluses are easily explained. Both passenger traffic and goods traffic have increased considerably to meet war demands, while the rates have either been increased or remained stationary. The number of passenger trains has been reduced, which causes terrible overcrowding in the third class carriages but ensures higher profit and bigger surpluses.

As if the position was not bad enough already for the third class passengers, it is now proposed to raise all passenger fares except for suburban season tickets by 25 per cent with effect from April 1. The increase is obviously not for the purpose of preventing a loss. For a huge surplus is certain even witnout it. The War Transport Member mentions "three good reasons" for the increase, viz., (1) "the effect that such an increase may have on reducing passenger travel, (2) the deflationary effect owing to the immobilisation of a substantial volume of currency, and (3) the opportunity of taking the first step towards building up a fund for post-war reconstruction purposes." The first reason has obviously weighed most with the Railway Board, though the War Transport Member agrees with the Central Advisory Council that "in present conditions increasing fares, except to a penal extent, will not alone so reduce travel as to prevent over-crowding". As a matter of fact a sudden increase of 25 per cent is certainly penal to the poor people. And perhaps it is intended that, if there should be still overcrowding—which is inevitable if the number of trains is reduced in the name of war economy—there will be a further increase in fares.

The plea of deflationary effect is hardly convincing. The effect is negligible so long as Government persist in their inflationary policy. Why not say more straightforwardly that the Railway Board welcomes the 10 crores, the expected yield from the increase in fares? We are told that this amount will be placed in the Railway Reserve earmarked for an amenities fund for lower class passengers; as if these passengers, who have contributed most to the past surpluses could not legitimately claim the necessary amenities now from these surpluses but must be taxed further to be entitled to them some years hence. The argument in favour of building up a fund for post-war purposes is said to be "paramount and irrefutable." But, surely, the reserves that are now being piled up will be available for those purposes. Present contributions to any special post-war reconstruction plans must come from normal surpluses and not such as are forced up through increased fares. Further contributions can be made later after the plans are outlined. The proposed increase should not be supported by the Legislature.

India's Trade In 1941

The "Review of the trade of India in 1941-42", issued by the Economic Adviser, Government of India, shows that the merchandise balance of trade in favour of India increased to Rs. 79.92 crores as compared with Rs. 49.99 crores in the preceding year. This shows a satisfactory result as compared with pre-war figure of Rs. 17.38 crores. The increase was mainly due to decreased imports and other factors governing the world war. Agriculture suffered considerably owing to fall in exports by the cessation of trade with the continent and far-Eastern countries and prices declined considerably. The conditions for the industrial mobilisation in this country were exceptionally favourable and industrialists took advantage of the situation. There was phenomenal expansion of the textile industry and exports amounted to about 772 million yards or about 4 1|2 times the exports during the pre-war year. This goes to prove that there was considerable disparity of income between agricultural and industrial pursuits, resulting in sharply unequal distribution of wealth in the country. Nearly 80 per cent of the population entirely depends upon agriculture and they were forced to pay higher prices for their requirements of manufactured goods at a time when their own income was falling. Thus those who were poor became poorer and not a few faced starvation. Even commodity prices were irregular and we have nothing like a parity price structure in this country which can evenly regulate the general economic condition of the country and maintain the purchasing power of masses. Profits earned from industries will go only into the pockets of only about 20 per cent of the population. If the Government care to preserve stable economic structure of the country, they must regulate earnings on an equal basis between agricultural and industrial persuits, otherwise during the post-war period there will be disastrous consequences and all their post-war planning which is being much talked of now-a-days will be a total failure.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

The Kanev Trap

The fall of the Korsun stronghold must have come as a bitter disappointment to Marshal von Manstein who is making a sensational bid for relieving the ten German divisions trapped in the Kanev area. The very fact that he had reached a point barely fifteen miles from Korsun when that citadel fell to the Red Army shows the desperate character of the German attempt at relief. Moscow grimly reports that twenty thousand German dead are counted, that half of Stemmermann's original force is accounted for and that the parcelling-up and mincing process has now been facilitated by the removal of the last hedgehog. Even if Manstein succeeds in breaking through the pincers—his progress is becoming slower and slower—he will find only a vast shambles awaiting him.

Finnish Peace Feelers

This is not the first time that rumours about Finnish approaches to Russia for peace terms are circulating. Helsinki, however, always promptly denied any official overtures and deliberately stressed its firm loyalty to Berlin in "the war of liberation". The same uncompromising attitude was observed regarding the various offers for mediation made by United States and others. The latest war developments in Leningrad seem, however, to have brought the Mannerheim Government suddenly and sternly to its senses and the very fact that no denial has so far been issued regarding the latest rumour is significant. The news that Paasikivi has made certain definite proposals to Moscow appears to be more than a rumour. It is an extremely unenviable task that that veteran statesman has undertaken, for it is more than likely that Kremlin will now insist upon an unconditional surrender. Considering the ungrateful response which Finland gave at the first opportunity to the liberal terms which it got after the 1939-40 war, world sympathies will on this occasion be entirely with the Soviet.

CRUCIAL OCCASION FOR INDIANS IN S. AFRICA

(From Our Correspondent).

DURBAN, Feb. 16.

A Congress Conference which is to be held on Saturday will be opened by the Mayor of Durban.

Mr. Godfrey, President of Natal Indian Congress will describe the Conference as the most crucial occasion in history of Indians in South Africa. That being so his speech is awaited with interest.

"It is an open secret that instead of recital of disabilities he proposes to deal with a constructive policy for Indian advancement before the coming Commission.

Recent negotiations between Indians and Europeans have been conducted with new diplomatic skill and with the earnestness of intention that on all sides the reputation of Indian negotiators has been enhanced.

Before this supreme test of the Commission it is essential that all Indian best forces converge upon constructive issues of the Indian situation. The whole community would urge therefore the supreme desirability of having Mr. Tyson at its side as an Adviser together with experts in housing and education.

Indian Government will confer great benefit upon south African Indians, it will release these experts for services as Advisers during the Commission.

It must be recognised that the two Indians on the Commission will be their ablest representatives so that Indians shall be without them in the actual presentation of their case. At no time it is more important that Indians shall be sustained by experts.

Liberals' Chief And Malaviya Conference

LUCKNOW, Feb. 16.

It is understood that Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, President of the Indian Liberal Federation, has sent, as requested by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, his suggestions regarding the proposed All Parties' Conference in March next.

Mr. Gopinath Srivastava, former Parliamentary Secretary, who has been asked by Pandit Malaviya to meet him is leaving for Allahabad next week.

In an interview Mr. Srivastava said that any move for ending the prevailing stalemate was welcome but as experience had shown "to base their entire programme on the prior condition of release of national leaders is not likely to prove more fruitful than the previous efforts in this direction. In case of that eventuality the problem will very much simplify itself."

Mr Srivastava added: "What is required is a programme of action even if the Government continues to be as unresponsive to the national demand for release of leaders."—United Press.

"Habeas Corpus" Pleas Turned Down

LAHORE, Feb. 16.

A full bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Placker and Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir dismissed to-day the 'habeas corpus' petitions moved by Lala Feroze Chand, ex-Member of the Servants of People Society, Mr. Baldev Mitter and Shrimati Puran Devi, Congress workers of Lahore, against their detention under D.I.R. 26.

Their Lordships in the course of the judgment observed that the jurisdiction in the matter had been ousted by the recent ordinance validating the detention under D.I.R. 26.

Their Lordships, however, strongly criticised the Punjab Government for sitting over the 'habeas corpus' petitions sent by the detenus through the jail authorities, for some months.—A.P.

BRITISH PRESS VIEWS ON BURMA CAMPAIGN

"Daily Herald" Says There Is No Magic Wand To Beat Japs: Task Before Mountbatten And MacArthur

LONDON, Feb. 15: "The Daily Herald", commenting editorially on the fact that some of the bitterest fighting of the whole global war is now taking place in the Arakan Province of Burma, says:—

"The blunt fact is that the United Nations have not yet been able to assemble sufficient strength in the east for a full-scale onslaught. We must reckon on Japanese resistance to the bitterest of ends.

This means we must see the end of war in Europe—when it comes—not as an occasion for mafficking and forgetfulness, but as the beginning of the second half of the contest. Immediately the Nazis are crushed British forces will travel 6,000 miles and face the Japanese on ground of their own choosing. That ground includes jungles where even to-day before the big war starts some of the bitterest fighting of the war is taking place. Properly interpreted that fighting means only that Lord Mountbatten and Gen. MacArthur are trying to prepare springboards into Japan's swift-won Empire.

"We must accustom ourselves to the idea that it will not be done by waving the magic wand. Blood, sweat, toil and tears will still be the chief ingredients. With them we need not falter. Without them we had better resign ourselves at once to leaving Japan in fit sprawling possession of all her present gains."—Reuter.

Fighting On Arakan Front

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16

In the Haka area on February 13, the Japanese abandoned some of their positions which were set on fire and burned all day, says an Allied War Communique. Our artillery continued effectively to shell enemy positions in the Tiddim area.

In the Arakan fighting continues. Near Ngakyedauk on the night of February 14/15, the Japanese occupied two hill features overlooking the pass over the Mayu range. Our troops counter-attacked and have retaken one of the hills. There has been heavy enemy shell fire near the east end of the pass.

On February 14, there was a brisk action about eleven miles north of Maungdaw, in which our troops succeeded in turning the enemy out of a strong position. Japanese casualties have not yet been reported. Our forces subsequently withdrew.

In the Kaladan our advance continues, and we have had some success in sharp fighting. Elsewhere in this area during the night of February 12/13, our troops routed the enemy in a bayonet attack.

In the Hukawng valley fighting continues north-east of Taipha Ga.

Chinese troops are advancing southwestwards from that place and further advances have been made in other parts of the area.

U. S. fighters and fighter-bombers of the Tactical Air Force have also been active. On February 14, in north Burma two Japanese troop and supply concentrations were heavily bombed and strafed. Two flights of fighters hit a Japanese base near Shingban, and also strafed a motor convoy. A large Japanese Bivouac north-east of Mogaung was bombed with excellent results, and the entire area covered by heavy machine-gun fire. Successful attacks also were made on a supply dump. A formation of fighter-bombers destroyed two large warehouses just north of Mandalay.

On February 13, U. S fighter-bombers in the Mandalay area were intercepted by Japanese fighters. Three of the enemy were damaged. From all these operations one Allied aircraft is missing.

RAILWAY TARGETS BOMBED

R.A.F. heavy and medium bombers of the Strategic Air Forces, Eastern Air Command, on the night of February 14/15, attacked railway targets at Moulmein, Thanbyuzayat, Henzada and Bessein, all in South Burma. A force of medium bombers also attacked the landing ground at Anisakan near Manday.

In the Arakan escorted dive-bombers attacked enemy positions north of Maungdaw and at Myohaung, east of the Kaladan. Fighters flew many offensive patrols over the battle zone. An interception was made on a force of enemy aircraft near Buthidaung, and three of them were destroyed, one probably destroyed and nine damaged. Two more Japanese fighters were destroyed by our reconnaissance aircraft.

Fighter-bombers and fighters on February 15, continued widespread offensive reconnaissances. Enemy occupied villages; lines of communication; transport and stores were attacked on the Mayu Peninsula and in the Upper and Lower Chindwin areas.—A. P.

No Indian Trade Mission To "Russia & Japan" At Present

Commerce Member's Reply To Question In Central Assembly

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16

The question regarding the visit of Indian industrialists to foreign countries was "under active consideration," said the Commerce Member Sir Azizul Haque, in reply to Mr Govind Deshmukh in the Assembly.

He added: "There is no present intention of sending any one to Russia."

Mr. Deshmukh: Why not to Russia?

The Commerce Member said there were so many obvious difficulties of sending a delegation to Russia, which was engaged in a great struggle—difficulties of travel and of ascertaining the wishes of a foreign government, and so on.

Mr. Deshmukh asked if the suggestion was that that the United Kingdom was not involved in the war to the extent that Russia was.

The Commerce Member repeated that for various reasons it was possible to send a delegation to England but not to Russia or Japan.

Mr. N. M. Joshi: Were Russia and Japan in the same category in the Government's view?

The Commerce Member declared that was not his meaning.

"BARBED WIRE TO PREVENT CORRUPTION?"

Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas' allegation of bribery and corruption in the existing distributing machinery was, referred to by Mr. Rangiah Naidu in a question to which the Food Member replied that the allegation was in general terms and not susceptible of enquiry in the manner suggested. The subject, however, was one which had received special attention; two special tribunals had been set up and convictions had been secured.

Sardar Sant Singh: Is it a fact that barbed wire has been put up round the Food Department in order to prevent corruption? (Laughter).

In common with the system in force throughout India, the procurement of food grains for the Defence Services and for deficit areas was entrusted to the Provincial Governments, said the Food Member in reply to Sardar Mangal Singh.

The Food Member said in answer to Mr. Navalrai's supplementary that the Food Department supervised procurement operations.

RETURN PROFITS TO CONSUMERS

"After a review of the preliminary accounts of the Central Government's purchase operations in the Punjab, a credit of eleven annas per maund has been passed on to all the recipient Governments," said the Food Member in answer to a question. "If the final accounts disclose any further balance that will also be passed on. The Central Government have no intention of making any profit. The recipient Governments have been asked to pass the benefit of the credits received by them to the consumer, by reducing suitably their sale price to the consumers in their area."

Labour Member, Dr. Ambedkar, indicated in answer to Syed Ghulam Bhik Narang that 563 Bevin boys had already been sent to England for training and of them 110 were Mussalmans.—A. P.

INDIAN CONGRESSMEN AND SURESH VAIDYA

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Replying to criticisms of the attitude some sections the Indian community towards the case of Mr. Suresh Vaidya, the Indian Journalist who refused to obey an Army call-up order, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Indian Congressmen in Great Britain, Mr. P. B. Seal, said to Reuter that there has been no campaign of calumny against Mr. Vaidya.

The Committee of Indian Congressmen tried to state the clear political grounds why they cannot support public agitation over Mr. Vaidya's case. They passed a resolution fully supporting the attitude of those Indians who, in strict obedience to the creed, policy and programme of the Indian National Congress or on clear political grounds, refuse to serve in the armed forces of Great Britain.

The resolution stated that persons who supported the war effort or sought exemption from military service on other than conscientious or political grounds or submitted to a medical examination fell outside the category of persons whom they were pledged to support".—Reuter.

HARIJAN HUTS GUTTED

SURAT, Feb. 16.

Six huts belonging to Harijans at village Chandravasanin Jalalpore are reported to have been gutted as a result of a fire. The damage is estimated at Rs. 6,000.—United Press.

INDIAN VETERANS OF DUNKIRK BACK HOME

AN INDIAN PORT.

The Indian contingent which took part in the battle of France in 1940 has returned to India. Some of the members had gone through the ordeal on the beaches of Dunkirk and others returned to the English shores from the beaches of St. Nazaire.

The personnel belong mainly to the R.I.A.S.C., principally the Animal Transport Branch, and were stationed in the United Kingdom during the last three years.

It will be recalled that early in the war India was asked to send animal transport units to assist the British Expeditionary Force in France. Certain units were selected for this service and sailed in 1939 with their mules. They took part in the operations that preceded the fall of France and were then evacuated. No. 22 Mule Company commanded by Maj. Hitchcock, R.I.A.S.C., unfortunately fell into enemy hands.

Gifts, including sweets, fruits and cigarettes were distributed to the troops. These were supplied by the Indian Troops Canteen under the direction of Lady Cowasji Jehangir.—A.P.

BANDA WAR EXHIBITION

The Banda War Exhibition was held at Banda on 2nd February, 1944. Besides many interesting programmes planned, the Pavilion of the Bharat Bank, Ltd., and the galleries tastefully decorated by the pictures of the personalities connected with the Bharat Bank, Ltd., and the Dalmia-Jain enterprises came in for special attraction.

FINED FOR PREJUDICIAL LITERATURE

SURAT, Feb. 16.—Mr. B. M. Patel of village At in Jalalpore Taluka has been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 200 for being in possession of prejudicial literature.

Two persons have been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 200 each for attempting to transport, it is alleged, country liquor, says a message from Navsari.

MORE PAGES FOR NEWSPAPERS

Govt. Announce Temporary Facilities: But No Increase In Prices

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

It has been represented to the Government of India that during the ensuing six weeks newspapers will be called upon to devote more space than they have been doing in the past to important items of news and to other matters of general interest, says a Press Note.

In order that they may be enabled to deal with these matters in adequate manner, Government have decided, as a purely temporary measure, to allow during the period 18th February to 31st March, 1944, the following concessions:

(1) Increase by one-seventh in the number of pages admissible to each newspaper under the Newspaper Control Order, 1942. In cases in which this additional number of pages do not work out to an even number, the resultant figure may be rounded to the nearest even number.

(2) Increase in the ration of newsprint admissible to newspapers in accordance with the permits issued under the Newsprint Control Order, 1941, by one-fourteenth of the existing ration during the month of February, 1944, and by one-seventh of the existing ration during the month of March 1944. This applies to permits issued for the purchase and use of newsprint as well as to permits issued only for the use of newsprint as well as to permits issued only for the use of newsprint from stock. Dealers are being informed that purchase permits already issued should be treated for the months of February and March, 1944, as valid for this correspondingly increased quantity of newsprint.

The increased number of pages permitted above will not entitle a newspaper to increase its price correspondingly.

It is important to emphasise that these concessions have not been made, because there has been any improvement of a permanent nature in the newsprint supply situation, but solely with a view to meeting a genuine demand of newspapers which is calculated to serve the general interests of the public—A.P.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Desmond Tighe has been mentioned in despatches "for good services as Reuter's accredited naval war correspondent during the operations in the Mediterranean" states to-night's London Gazette.

CALCUTTA MEETING TO REVIEW ISSUE

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

From February 18, A class newspapers will be allowed to print four additional pages per week while B class newspapers will be allowed to print six additional pages a week without any increase in prices. This arrangement will be continued till March 31.

The whole question will be discussed at the Calcutta meeting of the Newsprint Advisory Committee on March 21.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"Within less than 48 hours from now the Governor-General will have answered the question which is on everybody's lips: Will there be a change in official policy? Indian public opinion appears to have answered the question in the negative. In the light of the ban imposed on Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and of the Home Members speeches in the Assembly on the two adjournment motions last week, no other conclusion seems justifiable. Nevertheless this land has never lacked those who hope against hope."

—Candidus in
"Times of India."

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According to a Lahore report, the Lahore C.I.D. mistook Mr. Pardivala for Comrade Batliwala, a Bombay communist.

Then his arrest was not one mistake but two mistakes! Or are Communists being rounded up?

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Tokio Radio said: "If we can double or treble our air strength at Rabaul, we can easily smash the enemy."

But suppose "we" cannot!

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"I have come to learn with extreme regret that an atmosphere has been created that my Council is all in all. Let me assure you that this is not the case. This feeling I want to be removed from the minds of the public. With all the emphasis at my command, I want to tell you that no major decision is ever taken without my express approval."

—H. H. the Maharaja of Baroda.

Democracy marches on—and how! —in our States!

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Sir R. S. Sarma told an American audience that the country had full confidence in the Viceroy "to solve the present deadlock."

What deadlock? Hasn't the Home Member told Sarma there is no deadlock in India?

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague).

(1) *Sir R. S. Sarma, when he visited Hollywood, was offered numerous contracts to appear in films.*

(2) *Out of all the offers he has agreed to appear in a film which may be titled, "The Adventures Of A Benighted Knight."*

(3) *The film will be produced in technicolour so that Sir R. S. Sarma's striking personality can be revealed in its true colours.*

(4) *On his return to India, Sir R. S. Sarma will be appointed to a post in the Information Films Of India as a technical expert in recognition of his services.*

(5) *When he visited Charlie Chaplin, the funny man in bowler hat admitted that Sarma beats him hollow in this clowning game.*

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN :—Shri Ramanlal Bhatt will deliver a public lecture in Gujarati on "Translation of Technical terms into Gujarati" at 6 p.m today (Thursday.)

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JAPANESE STYLE

Shortly after Hong Kong fell the Japanese embarked upon a course of cruelty the like of which has never been known in history. Every morning, some 400 defenceless Chinese were herded into King's Park and there beheaded by Japanese officers, with swords. This was considered good practice for the officers and first class entertainment for the watching soldiers. Such brutality, such blood lust, such inhuman cruelty is not *exceptional* in Japan. It is quite normal. The average Japanese considers it quite impossible to be actually cruel to a man or woman of another race since, to him, all other races are inferior.

How can India deal with a nation like that? There is only one answer. The Japanese must be crushed. Their power for evil must be paralysed for all time. Nothing less than unconditional surrender is enough!

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CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Magh Vad 8, 2000.
Muslim: Safar 21, 1363
Parsi: Shenrever 16, 1313.
Sunrise: 8-8 a.m. Sunset: 7-38 p.m.
Hightide: 4-12, 17-36. Lowtide: 10-51, 22-49.
Municipal Corporation 2 p.m. (B. T.).

To-day's Engagements

GUJARATI PROSE: Under the auspices of the Sanskriti Kendra Mr. B. H. Bhukhanwala will speak on "Gujarati Gadya" at the Followship School Hall, at 7 p.m.

RENAISSANCE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA: Public lecture by Pandit Laxmanshastri Joshi on "Western and Eastern Civilisation" at Marwari Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, in Marathi, at 7 p.m.

MAZDAZNAN: On "To Retain Health is the Best Knowledge" by Mrs. Mini Mehta at Mazdaznan Hall, opp. Churchgate Station, at 6-15 p.m.

POSTAL NOTICE: Tuesday the 22nd February 1944, will be a Post Office Holiday on account of "Maha Shivratri". The departments of the Bombay G. P. O. and the Town Sub-Offices, will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays. The telegraph branches of the undermentioned combined offices will however remain open and work as usual. Bandra, Bombay G. P. O., Byculla, Colaba, Dadar, Girgaon, Grant Road, Kalbadevi, Masjid, Mazgaon, Malbar Point, Malbar Hill, Mahim, Mandvi, Matunga, Parel, Santacruz and Vileparle.

JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA: Annual general meeting of the members of the Journalists' Association of India will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 1944, at 6 p.m., at the Association Hall, Prospect Chamber Annexe, Hornby Road, Bombay:—1. To consider the Annual Report. 2. To elect office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee and 3. Any other matter brought before the meeting with the permission of the chair.

FOURTH ALL-INDIA MANUFACTURERS' CONFERENCE

The Secretary, A. I. Manufacturers' Organisation writes: Apropos our previous announcement of 27th January, 1944 the Fourth Annual Conference of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation (A.I.M.O.) has been postponed unavoidably and now will be held on 18th and 19th March, 1944 under the presidentship of Sir M. Visvesvaraya at Nagpur.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY:—Symposium on "Adult Franchise," Green's Hotel, Thursday, 6-30 p.m. Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas and Mr. A. P. Sabavala will speak, and Mr. B. G. Horniman will preside.

GAUDIYA MISSION: The fourth annual general meeting of the members of Gaudiya Mission will be held at 8-30 a.m. on Thursday, the 9th March, 1944 (Sri Gaur Janmotsav day) at Sri Chaitanya Math, Sree-Mayapur, Dt. Nadia.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Member in the Court of Bengal said that Government did NOT stop the publication of editorials in the "Amrita Bazaar Patrika". "They SIMPLY served an order asking that any editorial touching upon certain points should be submitted for censorship". The word SIMPLY covers a multitude of sins. Perhaps if Government had SIMPLY stuck to the Gentleman's Agreement things would have worked out much more simply.

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The sane Bengal Government spokesman said that the reason for not allowing publication of the fact that such an order had been served on the paper was that there might not be any comments or discussion over the points of the subject matter banned. IT WAS TO STOP PRESS AGITATION, the Parl. Secretary said. When you bear in mind that the whole country, seeing the "Amrita Bazaar" come out without an editorial for 50 days, knew there must have been such an order, Government were defeated in their purpose. However, it is not with the past but the future relation between the press and Government that we are concerned. The more liberly the press is given, the more it will cooperate with a full sense of its responsibility.

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Wendell Willkie is going to make a bid for the Presidentship of the U.S., it would appear from his recent speech. Holding Britain up is an example to prove that allowing power to remain in one man too long is corrupting influence, Willkie made a shrewd point, for it appears that Churchill would not welcome a change of Presidents. But then as the Americans will say: "That is our business, Mr. Churchill." Of course, America is a free country and they can say that sort of thing, Mr. Churchill notwithstanding.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Feb. 16.

SHARES: After the recent decline the market is making efforts to steady at present level with a moderate turnover. Trading was restricted and price fluctuations were confined to a narrow range. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2,080 and improved to Rs. 2,095 and steadied at Rs. 2,090. Ordinary Shares were quoted at Rs. 412. Bombay Dyeing Shares were quoted at Rs. 2,120. Century Shares were placed at Rs. 1,090 and Kohinoors changed hands at Rs. 718.

Later on towards the close the market improved on replacement buying and tone was very steady.

BULLION: Reckless speculation continues on the local Bullion Exchange with violent price fluctuations. Last night Gold rose to Rs. 72-4 but to-day the Bank sold over three lakhs of tolas and price receded to Rs. 71-2. Silver was also pushed up to Rs. 127-8 under heavy speculative buying but to-day prices downturned to Rs. 124-4 and steadied at Rs. 125-4. It remains to be seen what steps the Government take to check inflationary effects which are called anti-Social. London and New York quotations were unchanged.

Later on there was increased selling and Silver declined. Quotations, Ready Silver Rs. 126-4. Forward Rs. 124-8. Gold ready Rs. 71. Forward Rs. 71-0-6.

COTTON: Being influenced by movements in the Bullion Market the cotton market opened to-day at Rs. 469 for March delivery and improved to Rs. 470 under moderate buying. Thereafter there was renewed selling and prices declined to Rs. 468 but rallied to Rs. 469. The market steadied at this level with a moderate business.

After yesterday's flare up towards the close the market ruled very quiet and closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

J.C.C. March	468	8	0
J.C.C. May	464	0	0
J.C.C. July	467	0	0

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March Contract is below New York March 239 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

Cotton arrivals Barsi, 686, Berar 3037, Dhaleras 114, Sindh-Punjab 370. Westerns 103, Total 4310 Bales.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
Bombay, Feb. 15.

I C C March highest 471-3/4, lowest 465-1/4, closing 471-1/2 I C C May highest 467, lowest 462-1/4, closing 466-1/2 I C C July highest 470 lowest 465 closing 470.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Feb. 15.

March Old 20.56—07, May Old 20.18—06, July Old 19.75—07, Middling Spot 21.32—07, March Highest 20.62—01 (10 a.m.), Lowest 20.55—08 (12-8 p.m.)

SAVARKAR ON BARODA'S SECOND MARRIAGE

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasabha, has issued the following statement on the marriage of H.H. the Maharaja of Baroda:—

"In spite of disapprobation of the second marriage of H.H. the Maharaja of Baroda, I deprecate most strongly any attempt to exploit this incident for political purposes and denounce unequivocally the demand for the deposition of H.H. the Maharaja of Baroda. Any such step cannot but prove extremely harmful to the Hindu States and Hindu interests specially under the present circumstances".—A.P.

CHIEF SHIPPING OFFICER OF GOVT. OF INDIA

On the eve of his transfer to New Delhi as Chief Shipping Officer of the Government of India, Mr. H. M. Desai was presented with an address by his colleagues on the staff of the Bombay Steam Navigation Co. and allied concerns. The address paid a tribute to Mr. Desai's wide experience, capacity for hard work, devotion to duty and keen interest in the welfare of labour.

Replying, Mr. Desai said that it was a solace to him that he was going only for the duration and he could look forward to his return to their midst.

More Accommodation For Small-Pox Patients

Two temporary sheds, providing additional accommodation for housing at least 200 smallpox patients, are being put up at the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road. The sheds are estimated to cost roughly Rs. 60,000.

Intimating this step taken by him, the Municipal Commissioner, in a letter to the Standing Committee, stated that at present smallpox is raging in an epidemic form in the city and the number of patients in the hospital is increasing daily. The accommodation provided at the hospital is already insufficient and the situation has been accentuated due to the dilapidated condition of two of the existing wards.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA: Public Study Class on "Ghosts Explained", at 8.15 p.m. at Putla House, Bhaudaji Road, Matunga.

ARTILLERY FIRING Practice will take place in Bombay on February 24 and 25, in addition to the dates already announced.

IT IS REGRETTABLE

that owing to quota and other restrictions stocks of Angier's Emulsion are far short of satisfying medical and public demand.

We feel sure that our patrons realise fully that we are doing our utmost to keep the market supplied, but owing to wartime conditions we fear that distribution at times will be limited.

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42. SITUATIONS VACANT

A Non-Resident House-Surgeon Wanted, Bachuali Eye Hospital, Parel. Pay Rs. 25|- monthly. Apply Dr. M. K. Sathe, before 28th February, 1944. 4066

Wanted a hardworking and capable Typist, any sex, starting salary to deserving person Rs. 75|-. Apply E. L. & Co., Jehangir Building, 3rd Floor, Esplanade Road. 4100

Wanted experienced Accountant, who can invest in a profitable (local) running business. Write Box No. 4096, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Qualified and Experienced Radio and Refrigerator Mechanics. Apply stating minimum salary acceptable to Cine-Radio Service, 20, Old Custom House Road, Fort, Bombay. 4071

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Wanted an experienced and well qualified Hindu Lady Doctor to take charge of a Maternity Home. A qualified Lady Doctor to act as House Surgeon and a fully qualified (B.P.N.A.) Nurse. Apply before 25th February with full particulars, testimonials and expected salary to:—B. G. Nagarsheth, Hon. Secretary, Surat Hindu Charity Fund Hospital, Balaji Road, Surat. 7808

Wanted experienced Copyholders and Compositors. Apply with certificates to the Manager "Bombay Chronicle", between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Wanted an able experienced Marine Supervisor, who can control labour and supervise stevedoring work on board steamers. One knowing pilotage preferred. Service pensionable. Apply in own handwriting stating age, education, salary expected, must have had previous experience. Interview necessary before appointment. Ramsinh Jhala, Commissioner of Ports, Nawanagar State. 7817

Wanted—Persons desirous of earning Rs. 10 to Rs. 30 per day, should write for free particulars, samples can also be sent if desired. Apply c|o Post Box 282, Lahore. (6726)

43. SITUATIONS WANTED

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 22nd February, 1944, that day being a Public Holiday (MAHA SHIVARATRI) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

N. G. IRVINE,
Secretary & Treasurer (Offg.)
Bombay, 12th February, 1944.
(7813)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE TRADERS' BANK LTD.

Head Office: LAHORE.

PRIZE THESIS.

SUBJECTS: "A detailed plan for the development of Indian Joint Stock Banking with a special reference to the assistance Banks can render in the growth and progress of Indian Industry."

It is notified for the benefit of the intending Competitors that the prize Thesis Committee has extended the date for the submission of the above Thesis to May, 15, 1944.

The Competitors must submit their Thesis under 'Nom-de-plume' but should deposit, at the same time their real names with addresses in a sealed cover marked with the particular 'Nom-de-plume.'

RAGHU RAJ
Secretary.
(7837)

THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED, BOMBAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of The Bank of India Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank, Oriental Buildings, Bombay, on THURSDAY, the 17th February, 1944, at 4 P.M. (New Standard Time):—

(1) To receive the Report of the Directors and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1943,
(2) To declare a dividend,
(3) To elect Directors in place of those retiring by rotation, and
(4) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 4th February to SATURDAY, the 19th February, 1944, both days inclusive.

A. C. CLARKE,
Manager.
Bombay, 26th January, 1944.
(7593)

THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank at Oriental Buildings, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay, at 4-45 P.M. (New Standard Time) on THURSDAY, the 17th day of February, 1944, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting convened for 4 P.M. (N.S.T.) on that day shall be concluded, when the Resolutions in regard to an Increase of Capital by the creation and issue of 1,00,000 New Shares of Rs. 100 each (upon which on application and before allotment Rs. 50 plus a premium of Rs. 50 is to be paid) and in regard to the terms and conditions of issue, which Resolutions are set forth in the Notices to the Shareholders of the Bank, will be considered as Ordinary Resolutions.

The consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue under Defence of India Rule 94A. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.

Dated at Bombay this 25th day of January, 1944.

A. C. CLARKE,
Manager,
The Bank of India, Ltd.
(7594)

TENDER NOTICE

URGENT TENDERS ARE INVITED by the undersigned for transport by road of Charcoal from certain places in the Thana District to Bombay.

Necessary Tender forms can be had at the Office of the undersigned on any working day during Office hours. The tenders should be submitted, together with an earnest money deposit of Rs. 100|- (without which no tender will be considered), not later than 5 P.M. on Monday the 21st instant.

The undersigned does not agree to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Sd.) A. K. RAMAN,
Additional Director of Civil Supplies (Accounts), Red Bungalow, R.I.S. Compound, Secretariat, Bombay.
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ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of Lower Division Clerks from candidates who have passed the Matriculation Examination and possess a minimum speed in Typewriting of 35 words per minute.

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Applications in writing, stating age, qualifications, and previous experience, if any, should be addressed to:—

THE NAVAL STORE OFFICER,
H.M.I. Dockyard, Bombay.

Closing date:— 26th February, 1944.
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED upto the 22nd February, 1944, from Typist-Clerks in the grade of 40-5|2-75 (E.B.)-5|2-90 for vacancies in the office of the undersigned. Initial pay will be fixed according to qualification and experience. Copies of testimonials should accompany the applications.

M. C. RHODES,
Executive Engineer,
Bombay Aviation Division,
Central P.W.D., Commerce House,
Ballard Estate, Bombay.
(7824)

NOTICE

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from local dealers for handling Government coal at Bombay including unstacking, bunkering, removing and replacing, etc., for H. M. I. Ships during the period from 1st April, 1944 to 31st March, 1945.

Tender Forms and "Instructions to Tenderers" can be obtained from the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, INDIA, BOMBAY, SEA TRANSPORT OFFICE, 10, NICOL ROAD, BALLARD ESTATE, BOMBAY.
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NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from local dealers for handling Government coal for H. M. Ships, H. M. I. Ships and Hired Transports at the undermentioned Ports during the period from 1st April, 1944 to 31st March, 1945.

Tender Forms and "Instructions to Tenderers" can be obtained from the following Officers at the undermentioned Ports:—

(1) ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, SEA TRANSPORT, OFFICER, INDIA, 10, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, BOMBAY.
(2) SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, Keamari, KARACHI.
(3) SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, Old High-Court Buildings, 1st Line Beach, MADRAS.
(4) SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, VIZAGAPATAM.
(5) SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, Willingdon Island Post Office, COCHIN.
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NOTICE

WANTED, industrial minded Financiers, owners of Textile Mills and allied concerns, interested in the manufacture of textile, agricultural, machine tool machinery and other precision spares on the basis of mass production, by a mechanical Engineers manufacturing concern carrying on the business for over six years. Those who can invest from Rs. 3 lakhs to 50 lakhs need apply to Box No. 4101, "Bombay Chronicle."

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

MR. JEHANGIR NOWROJI DARUWALLA has contracted to sell to my client the undermentioned property. Any person making any sort of claim thereto is requested to notify the same to me within 14 days, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Bhatti land, situate at Dahisar village in the Bombay Suburban District, containing by admeasurement 3 Acres and 12¾ Gunthas or thereabouts consisting of agricultural and non-agricultural land, bearing Old Survey Nos. 51 Pot Nos 2A, 2B and 3 and Survey No. 52 Pot No. 13 and Revisional Survey Nos. 119A-119B and No. 120 Hissa No. 1 together with the shed dwelling house and the well standing thereon.

Dated this 16th February, 1944.

D. S. DEODHAR,
Purchaser's Advocate.
Lawyers' Chambers, Picket Road, Bombay No. 2.
7842

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
(ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Award No. 40 of 1943

In the matter of the INDIAN ARBITRATION ACT 1940.
and
In the matter of ARBITRATION NO. 76 OF 1942-1943.
Messrs. HABIB & SONS, a firm ..... Plaintiffs.
vs.
Seth NAGULAPALLI RAMDAS of Atkur ..... Defendant.

To,
Seth NAGULAPALLI RAMDAS,
The defendant abovenamed.

TAKE NOTICE that the Award in this matter, bearing date the 4th day of August, 1943, was filed in my Office on the 27th day of August, 1943.

Dated this 14th day of September, 1943.

S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.
Messrs. KHANDVALA AND CHHOTALAL,
Attorneys for the Plaintiffs.
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NOTICE

HIS HIGHNESS NAWAB SIDI MAHOMED HYDER MAHOMED YAKUT KHAN MUBARIZ-UD-DOWLA NUSRAT JUNG BAHADUR, NAWAB BAHADUR of Sachin, NAWABZADA SIDI MOHMED SUROOR KHAN, of Sachin, NAWABZADA SIDI MAHOMED KAISER KHAN alias SALIM KHAN, of Sachin, the present Trustees under an Indenture of settlement, dated the 7th day of February, 1918, made between Mumtaz Jehan Begum Nasrullah Khan of the one part and the said Mumtaz Jehan Begum Nasrullah Khan and others of the other part, have contracted to sell to our client, the undermentioned property. Any person having any claim in or to the said property is required to communicate the same to us in writing at Fort Chambers, Hamam Street, Bombay, within fourteen days, otherwise such claim will be considered as waived.

All that piece of land, containing an area of seven hundred and ninety-six square yards or thereabouts, situate at and being Plot No. 39 of the Supari Baug Estate of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay in the City and Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and being part of Cadastral Survey No. 20|74 of Parel Sewri Division and forming portion of lands bearing New Survey No. 2589 together with the dwelling house thereon consisting of a ground floor and three upper floors and one outhouse consisting of a ground floor which said premises are assessed by the Municipality under 'F' Ward No. 585 (4A) Street No. 2-c-c. and Ward No. 585 (1) Street No. 2 in rear.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1944.

NANU HORMUSJEE & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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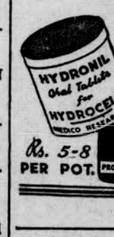

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